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Frankfort student arrested on rape charge

BY HAL MORRIS

CAMPUS LIFE/ARTS EDITOR
A Morehead State University student was arrested Nov. 1 and charged with raping a 22-year-old female student.

Joseph P. Hancock, 22, a business administration major from Frankfort, has been charged with rape in the first degree for allegedly raping a female student at an off-campus location on Oct. 28, according to an MSU Public Safety report.

According to the report, Public Safety was notified by the alleged victim at 4:27 a.m. on Oct. 28. Roger Holbrook, director of Public Safety, said the victim was interviewed that morning and went home to discuss the situation with her family.

Holbrook said, before her departure, the victim was taken to St. Claire Medical Center for examination and tests.

Holbrook said the victim decided to press charges against Hancock, and he was brought in for questioning.

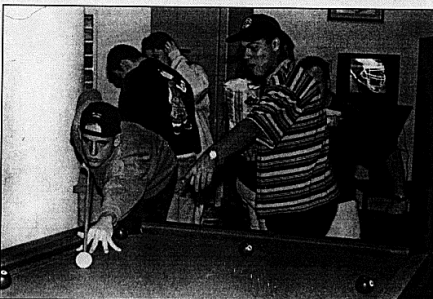
Holbrook said, on Nov. 1, Public Safety notified Hancock that a warrant had been issued for his arrest and he turned himself in at the Office of Public Safety at 5:30 p.m.

According to the police report, the victim was under the influence of alcohol.

Holbrook said Hancock and the alleged victim were acquaintances.

Hancock was released on bond. His arraignment is scheduled for 8 a.m. Nov. 8.

Confronted on the first degree rape charge, Hancock could face a prison term of 10-20 years and a fine of \$10,000 to \$100,000.



Saaid Mortazavi, right, a freshman from Miami, FLA, directs freshman Dylan Fender, Georgetown, Ohio, on how to perfect his poolshot during a Friendly game in Mignon Tower. (Photo by Mandi Kubina)



Freshman Dan Stupakowicz pays for a slice of pizza at Pan D's Pizza in the Alumni Towers food court. Many students complain that food prices on campus are too steep. (Photo by John Holbrook)

Students say food prices too steep; selection unhealthy

BY HAL MORRIS

CAMPUS LIFE/ARTS EDITOR
A Whopper for \$1.99, a Chick-fil-A sandwich for \$2.19. A large order of Burger King fries for \$1.29.

Lunch in Moscow? No, lunch on-campus at Morehead State University.

Prices, food selection, service hours and other issues have students voicing concerns about eating on-campus.

According to a recent article in the *Lexington Herald Leader*, MSU has the second-most expensive cafeteria food among all state colleges and universities.

At Burger King in Alumni Tower, a Whopper goes for \$1.99,

with 35 extras for cheese. Chick-fil-A, adds another 30 for a slice of tomato.

Lipton Ice Tea, which costs \$7.99 off-campus, is \$1.30 on-campus.

Michael Simpson, a senior sports administration major from Cincinnati, says the food is more expensive than it should be.

"The prices are too high. Everybody's (meal) cards are gone in half a semester," he said.

Tre Henry, sophomore math major from Mayville said it is a lot cheaper to eat off-campus.

Paul Stolle, manager of PFM Food Services at MSU, said there are reasons on-campus dining is more expensive than off-campus.

Stolle said Food Services pays commissions to MSU and to the franchises located in campus food courts.

He said everything involved with on-campus dining, including food prices, are approved by the university.

MSU is not the only school with concerns over on-campus food prices.

At Eastern Kentucky University, students recently held a sit-in in the campus cafeteria.

Students either ordered in or brought their own food instead of buying the cafeteria food.

Many students complain about the lack of healthy food at MSU.

Stolle said on-campus students were given a survey last year to determine what type of food they wanted.

Stolle said students voted for fast food. He said PFM went with what the students voted for.

Stolle said PFM provides a dinner buffet at ADUC from 5-7 p.m. every day that carries a healthier menu.

Stolle said the buffet was designed for athletes so they can meet their scholarship health requirements, but it is open to all students.

He said a rotating food bar featuring a salad bar, potato bar and Mexican bar is also available at ADUC. Next semester, Stolle said the buffet would be moved to Alumni Tower.

Students also complain about opening hours.

Stolle said the hours are set according to the demand by students.

ADUC food court is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, but some restaurants open later and some close in mid-afternoon. All ADUC restaurants

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Waterfield residents say dorm unsanitary

BY HAL MORRIS

CAMPUS LIFE/ARTS EDITOR
Female students in Waterfield Hall are tired of living in a dorm they say is not properly maintained. "Everyone complains about how unclean it is," said Kat Cody, a Waterfield resident.

Cody, a senior English major from Mt. Sterling, said the female occupied floors in Waterfield are unclean most of the time.

Cody said she has been complaining about the conditions since the beginning of the semester.

She said she has called the RA's, her dorm director and spoken to maintenance, but nothing has changed.

Last year, Waterfield Hall was converted to a private room residence hall. Students living there pay higher dorm fees than students who live in other dorms.

Waterfield Hall resident Jamie Underwood echoed Cody's statements when describing the unclean conditions in the residence hall.

Underwood, a sophomore government major from Highland Falls, N.Y., said, for the price students pay to live in Waterfield, the dorm should be better maintained.

Underwood said the janitors

leave blood and vomit on the toilet seats, in the shower stalls and in the sinks for days.

Both students said they have seen feminine napkins and band-aids in the floor of the shower stalls.

Underwood said the trash rooms get so full she has to take her trash to the men's floor.

Cody, who said she is concerned about catching Hepatitis from the toilet seats, said "One time, we didn't have any toilet paper for two days."

Murray Greivous, MSU custodial superintendent, said he is aware student complaints about Waterfield.

Greivous said "Dorms are my top priority," and said he wants to get them up to a consistent level of cleanliness.

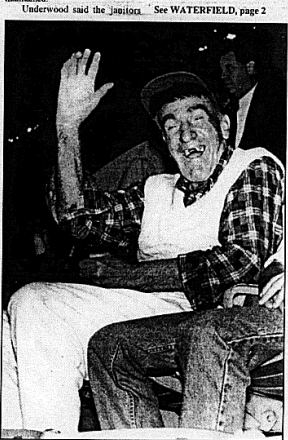
He said some of the problems may be caused by students who don't live in the building using the facilities and not taking care of them.

Greivous said most of the time, the dorm is in good shape.

"The times I've been there, it's been pretenable, except for one time," he said.

Greivous said he may have to assign a different custodian to

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A friendly fan

Bill Caudill, known to most MSU students as "Howdy Bill," is a loyal fan at campus sporting events and always greets students with a smile and a "howdy." He was on hand this weekend to cheer for the Lady Eagles volleyball team. (Photo by Mandi Kubina)

Disabled students, faculty receive special attention

BY BRIAN HIGLEY
EDITOR

The word alone conjures up images of wheelchair-bound persons, the blind, deaf and others who suffer from outwardly obvious afflictions.

In reality, the term "disability" applies to a wide range of learning and physical impairment and includes victims of everything from back problems to dyslexia.

MSU Affirmative Action Officer Michael Seelig said, "The Americans with Disabilities Act

(ADA) of 1990 has expanded the definition of disability to include not only physical impairments, but also mental impairments that substantially limit one or more of a person's major life activities."

Seelig said MSU is striving to comply with several federal and state laws and regulations regarding employees and students with disabilities.

"Section 503 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits discrimination against 'handicapped' employees by requiring affirmative action to

employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with handicaps," Seelig said.

MSU President Ronald Eglin said the University is committed to fair treatment of all individuals.

"Morehead State University is committed to the principle of providing 'fair and due consideration' to any applicant seeking employment, or to any employee seeking promotion, regardless of whether or not that individual has a defined disability," Eglin said.

"The University will make

every effort to provide 'reasonable accommodations' to any employee or student with a verified disability when a proper request is made," he said.

According to Seelig, Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 requires that all educational programs be made accessible to "handicapped" students.

Debra Reed, MSU Disability Advisor/Counselor and Beba Sammons, Special Services Coordinator, work specifically with students with disabilities.

"We are strictly a student

services unit," said Sammons. Sammons said students find out about MSU services through a variety of ways.

"There is an optional question on students' admissions applications as to whether they have a disability," said Sammons.

She said, once students indicate a "disability," Reed sends a letter to them offering any kind of services they may need.

Reed said the service she provides is different depending on the type of disability, whether it be physical or a learning disability.

"Different disabilities call for different accommodations," said Reed. "A student with a visual problem will need something different than a person with a mobility problem."

Sammons added, "A disability is a disability, whether it be physical or learning; services are provided based on what the students' needs are."

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Annual teacher nominations being accepted

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Editorial

Rabin remembered

His promising quest to bring peace to the Middle East must be continued

The tragic assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin leaves the world with a serious concern: What will become of the peace process in the Middle East? While remembering Rabin, we must continue to support the efforts of Israel and the Arab nations to bring peace to this ravaged land.

In the last years of his life, Rabin made great strides in his quest to bring a lasting peace to the Middle East. Last Saturday, after attending a peace rally in Tel Aviv, his dream was shattered by a lone Jewish assassin.

The alleged gunman, Yigal Amir, is a member of a Jewish right wing extremist organization opposed to peace negotiations with the Arabs. The implications of his actions are the subject of debate around the world.

One aspect of the debate is universally agreed upon: Rabin's death should not interfere with the peace process, but should instead fuel the desire and efforts of those supporting Rabin's ideology and his peace plan.

Many people are confused as to why one of Rabin's own countrymen would assassinate him. Amir is a fundamentalist who doesn't want to give anything, especially land, to the Palestinians.

The assassination could lead to tougher restrictions on subversive activities in Israel or it could counter the peace efforts by splintering the Israeli people concerning the peace process.

Rabin has been a strong leader for Israel through its war years and in bringing Israel to the peace table.

Shimon Peres, Rabin's longtime rival cum supporter, is now interim Prime Minister of Israel. Peres has pledged to continue Rabin's efforts to restore peace in the Middle East, but some worry that his lack of military experience and idealism could hamper the peace mission.

Others point to the Labor party's opposition, the Likud party, which may be able to assume power in the next election, the date for which will now have to be moved up.

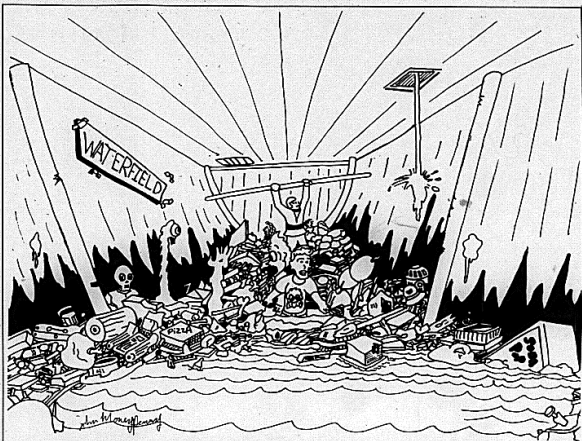
Many warn that if the Likud party gains control of the Prime Minister's post, peace negotiations will be seriously hampered if not halted altogether.

There is an irony to Rabin's death in that he was crusading for peace—was even at a peace rally when he was assassinated and was killed by one of his own people.

However world leaders and government analysts interpret the Middle East situation minus Rabin, the outcome of this tragedy should be obvious.

The world needs to lend strong and unified support to Israel and the Arab nations as they progress toward peace.

The result of that support could produce a worthy and lasting epoch for a courageous leader who died a warrior's death in a crusade for peace.



Commentaries

Student involvement needed to change SGA

BY DONALD RICHIE
OPINION EDITOR

Watching the controversy surrounding the SGA funding guidelines unfold, I am prompted to pose some questions about the SGA itself.

There are obvious questions that get to the center of student concerns about the fairness of SGA.

"Why is the SGA dominated by Greek students year after year, and can the majority of campus, the non-Greek students, do anything to change the situation?"

The answer to the first part of the question is easy. It is mandatory for Greeks to vote in SGA elections. If they don't, they are fined.

The second of policy is truly ridiculous. Not only does it go against every principle of true democracy, it slants every SGA

election in favor of Greek candidates.

A slant such as this inevitably bends policy to the advantage of Greek students and away from the non-Greek majority of campus.

Elitist policies designed to point elections in favor of one person or group should never be allowed in connection with a democratic body such as SGA.

If our Student Government Association truly wishes to represent the total student body, this policy must be eradicated.

Another point vitally important to the issue is non-involvement from the rest of campus.

If students really want to have an impact on their governing body, then they must take action to make their voices heard.

Students should get out and vote in SGA elections. As the old

saying goes—if you don't vote, you don't have a right to complain.

Non-Greek students also need to run for SGA offices. In this past year's elections, Brian Hutchinson was the only candidate for SGA president, and there were other unrepresented offices. How can we move to fair representation of the student body if students don't get involved?

There is also an administrative problem. The only voting booths

available for SGA elections are in ADUC. There are many students who don't have classes on that end of campus, and do not have the time or inclination to go that far to vote.

I would venture to guess the elections would come out differently if there were more voting locations.

The controversies surrounding SGA won't end unless the silent majority of students get involved and make their voices heard.

Letter

Racial unity the subject of student concern

To all my people taking time to read the paper, I would again like to stress that we are lacking in unity. It's obvious in everything that we do on campus. There's way too many of us saying we don't care. You know that's not right.

I was hoping the negative reaction we got from whites about the O.J. Simpson outcome would bring us together. It didn't. I was hoping that the positive outcome of the Million Man March would get us to see things differently. It didn't.

Recently, at a dance one of my friends was confronted by a female over something very dumb. Recently, I was confronted by someone over some dumb mess. Every day, we engage in negative activities that could very well put us off the campus. No one cares.

I listened to some people say that we're mad (political). I

listened to some people say we can't take it (mental). How are you going to be able to make it? How in the world are you going to be able to get over it if you just stay mad? You won't because you're too busy looking out for yourself instead of looking out for one another.

It's at the point now that we are slowly but surely killing each other off. That means that people are leaving because of the interaction among blacks on this campus. It's a shame that the administration and all that bull they throw at us doesn't make us leave, but our own people do.

It's not the lack of money to go to school. It's not the lack of grades that keep us from coming here. It's not the new changes and old racism that the school has us with. It's our own interaction, or lack of, that kills us off.

It makes me sick that our unity is going to be the one factor that makes us or breaks us in Morehead. The way it's going is going to break us and it's going to break us hard.

ANTHONY D. BURNS
COOPER HALL

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Concert choices not up to par

BY DONALD RICHIE
OPINION EDITOR

Every semester, the Student Activities Council brings a concert to MSU.

In recent years SAC has offered a wide variety of acts. We've had pop, country, rock, country, rap, country and country.

This semester, SAC, obviously thinking they would produce a real gift for us, has booked Collective Soul. They've abandoned country music and risked diversity by bringing us a rock band.

In the meantime, Eastern Kentucky University has acquired Letters To Cleo.

Once again the non-country fans at MSU have to settle. Collective Soul is a decent band, albeit pseudo-alternative. They probably put on a good show, but

Letters To Cleo is an all around good band.

I'm left to ponder why we can't get a band like Letters To Cleo. Money isn't an object—Letters To Cleo plays cheaper than a breaking band like Collective Soul. Time isn't an issue—the two shows are within a week of each other.

I believe the problem is with SAC. They tried to get an act to present to a diverse section of people, alternative music fans, but they failed. SAC should have looked on the alternative charts instead of on MTV when making their decisions.

Maybe SAC should present the standards with a list of potential acts and let them vote on them.

Collective Soul was a noble effort guys, but it's time to join the Twentieth Century.

CAMPUS COMMENT

What do you think would create more campus spirit/unity at MSU?



James Gardner
Junior, English
"More activities where the students could get together."



Jennifer Blerly
Senior, Music Education
"More people not in fraternities or sororities. Be more involved."



Sandy Underwood
Senior, Education
"Probably something which would be more universal. Something not too expensive."



Cody Anely
Sophomore, Draft Design Technology
"People need to smile more."

CAMPUS LIFE

Coming to grips with Carpal Tunnel Syndrome

BY TAMARA ENDICOTT
STARFWITER

As technology takes over increasing chunks of American life, companies and their employees are realizing the importance of properly designed workplaces.

During the past decade, Repetitive Stress Injury Syndrome (RSI) and Carpal Tunnel Syndrome (CTS) have taken center stage in courtrooms and board meetings across the country.

Cashiers, word processors, telephone reservationsists and journalists are among companies like IBM, AT&T and Apple for millions in damages due to health problems related to poorly designed equipment and work spaces.

Cindy Wylie, an MSU senior, wasn't fortunate enough to get her diagnosis before having to leave the sewing facilities. She will receive no compensation for the four years of work that caused her disability, because most companies refuse to believe it's a job-related problem.

"If you're having a problem, get it diagnosed and get it down on paper, so you'll have it after the company," they need to change their workplaces in order to prevent this in the future," says Wylie. "I thought, it was arthritis, because I didn't know any better. Normally only one nerve gets damaged. I have both radial and ulnar nerve damage in both wrists, which affects me all the way up to my shoulders," says Wylie.

Commonly, people believe their symptoms are the early stages of arthritis, when most likely it's one of the two disorders. Some of those at high risk for these occupation-related syndromes are computer operators, musicians, carpenters, assembly-line workers and hairstylists.

Symptoms of RSI and CTS include numbness and stiff swollen joints in the hands, arms, shoulders and neck, loss of hand strength, clumsiness, aching and loss of grip.

RSI and CTS are caused by repetitive hand and finger motion, which put pressure on the nerves in the wrist. This pressure can affect muscles and tendons throughout the elbow, shoulder and neck.

Wylie has experienced the daily changes these patients must make in order to continue a normal life.

"Little everyday things that you wouldn't think about, can cause a lot of pain," says Wylie. "Things like taking the clothes out of the washing machine or vacuuming."

"I've had to change from glass and china to plastic cups and paper plates because I can't hold them in my hand for more than a few seconds," says Wylie. "I can't twist a lid off a bottle of pop or a gallon of milk, gets aggravating."

With nearly half of the U.S.

workforce sitting at computers on a daily basis, change and reform are already underway, but the U.S. is negligently behind in setting up and enforcing standards. Sweden has had an ergonomic policy in effect since 1979.

According to an article in *Time* magazine, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration is creating workplace standards to prevent these disorders due to the fact that liability experts predict the payout on RSI lawsuits will equal or exceed the \$4 billion paid to asbestos victims.

Some companies are wisely incorporating prevention by utilizing ergonomic furniture, keyboards and flashing messages like "Take a Break" on employee's computer monitors.

According to *Time*, insurance companies are pushing these reforms, because more than \$7 billion a year is lost in productivity and medical costs.

The damage caused is permanent and there is no cure. Prevention is the only way to avoid these work-related health problems.

Exercise, upper body weight strengthening, proper desktop arrangement and ergonomic products are essential.

Tips for preventing RSI and CTS include using adjustable chairs so that knees and hips are at the same height and arms are level with the desk, and situating computer monitors at eye level.



Jane O. Short, Dr. Shirley Gish and Michael W. Moore prepare for the MSU Theatre's presentation of "The Women of Troy" now being shown in Kibbey Theatre through Nov. 11. (Photo by Tim Holbrook)

Art exhibit to showcase MSU faculty talent

The works of 13 studio faculty members in MSU's Department of Art will be on display in the annual "Faculty Show," November 9 through December 15 in the gallery at the Claypool-Young Art Building.

The public is invited to meet the artists at an opening reception on Thursday, November 9, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The gallery is open weekdays, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. There is no charge for viewing.

Artists exhibiting works will be Thomas Stierl, department chair; Robert Francini, professor; David Bartlett, Dixon Ferrell, Joe Sartor and Stephen Tirone, associate professors; Gary Mesa-

Gaido, Elizabeth Mesa-Gaido, Devo Goklin, Prof. Dr. Jay Hanes, assistant professors, along with Jeannette Hawes, Vince Toranzo and William Whigginham, instructors.

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• Cross country — season in review

Runners say hard work key to OVC crown

BY LAURA HAMM
STAFF WRITER

The 1995 Morehead State Cross Country team finished first in the OVC conference and ended the season with a 56-6 record.

To accomplish this goal much sacrifice had to be made. Each player spends about 15 hours a week running.

"I only spend about 25 percent of the time with them so they must be self motivated to work," said Coach Dan Lindsey.

Matt Thomas, a junior from Ewing, said, "My goal was to be consistent and contribute as much as possible. I hope my work ethic would help motivate the team."

Lindsey said to win the OVC title wasn't easy work. Eastern Kentucky University is always tough competition.

"Nothing is more fun than to be successful after working hard. It's just satisfying to look back and see success over ECU, they are a big challenge to beat," said Lindsey.

Lindsey went on to add that they have also defeated some bigger universities like the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville.

He said being a smaller school hasn't hurt Morehead's chances of competing with some of the best schools in cross country. "We stay

focused on the positive points that we have. Morehead has miles and miles of trails. We have everything we need to win and we do," said Lindsey.

Jeff Faith was named OVC Runner of the Week for four weeks. Lindsey said he was probably one of the most accomplished runners of this season.

Faith, a junior from Indiana, said, "I came into the season feeling good. I set a goal to try to run in the low 25's and help the team win the OVC. I think I have accomplished those goals."

According to Lindsey, another of Morehead's accomplished runners is Kevin Bryant, a junior from

Indiana. For the second year in the row he was named to the All-OVC team and this year he finished fifth in the conference. Bryant said he wasn't always a good runner. "When I started running I wasn't good but I kept working and being persistent and ended up here on scholarships," said Bryant. He said he keeps working hard and runs an average of 70 miles a week.

"Through hard work and dedication they can be successful in everything. Not just sports but everything," said Lindsey. "Everything in life takes work because when you are successful it is not luck but hard work that counts."

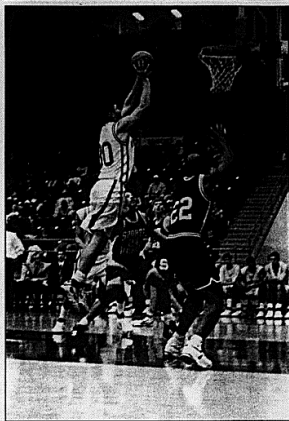
Cheerleaders qualify for chance at national title

Morehead State University's co-ed varsity cheerleaders and the all-girl cheer squad placed first in the qualifying round and will compete in the National College Cheerleading Championships in Florida early next year.

The competition, sponsored by the Universal Cheerleaders Association, will be held in the MGM Studios in Orlando, Jan. 5-8.

MSU's co-ed squad will be defending its title in Division I while competing for the seventh win in nine appearances. The group won the title in 1988, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, and 1995.

The all-girl squad will be making its second appearance after having finished in second place in last year's competition.



Chris Stone, a sophomore forward, drove for two points Saturday in the Eagles' 102-87 exhibition win. (Photo by Mandi Kubina)

Outside shooting touch paves way...

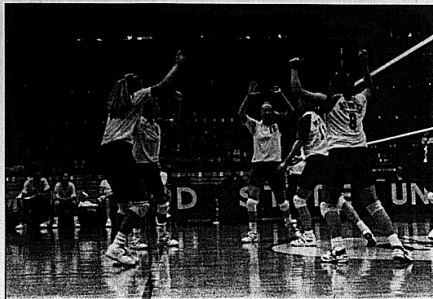
MSU wins basketball exhibition

The Morehead State Men's basketball team improved its exhibition record to 8-1, under head coach Dick Pick, with a 102-87 victory over the Kentucky Crusaders on November 4 in the Ellis T. Johnson Arena.

Mike Scroggins led the Eagles with 24 points and 10 rebounds. Mark Kinnaird had 20 points and six assists. Malon Witherspoon added 18 points.

The Crusaders were led by Cornelius Muller with 24 points. Ray Wilson threw in 14 points.

The Eagles shot 51% from the floor in the victory. They also shot 48% from three point range.



The volleyball team celebrated a successful kill during a recent match. (Photo by Mandi Kubina)

Missed scoring opportunities prove costly...

Eagles get tomahawked by SEMO, 21-12

BY JEFF JOHNSON
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Morehead State missed two conversion tries and two field goal attempts Saturday in a 21-12 loss to Southeast Missouri.

"It was a battle. We struggled it out," said Eagle head coach Matt Ballard. "After the game, I termed it a game of missed opportunities."

Anthony Ravizze led the Eagles with 25 carries for 104 yards. This was his fifth 100-yard rushing game

of the season.

Quarterback Chris Berry added 46 yards on nine carries and two touchdowns. He completed six of 14 passes for 75 yards.

The Indians scored first on a two-play drive covering 82 yards.

Stanley Parker broke loose for a 71-yard touchdown run and the extra point gave SEMO a 7-0 lead.

The Eagles answered with a 46 yard drive to close the gap to one.

Berry threw for 35 yards and

scored from six yards out on the drive. Brian Narick's extra point failed, and the Indians held the 7-6 advantage at the half.

"We weren't playing well early," said Ballard. "Our defense kept us in the ballgame."

Morehead took the opening drive of the third quarter 64 yards in 11 plays for the go-ahead touchdown.

Berry capped off the drive with a one-yard drive for the score, giving the Eagles a 12-7 lead.

SEMO then drove 66 yards to retake the lead.

Shane Kennedy hit Brent Anderson from 41 yards out for the score. Kennedy gave the Indians a 15-12 lead when he connected with Lamkins for the two-point conversion.

An MSU interception set up SEMO's final score.

"People thought we couldn't play or compete," said Ballard. "We proved that we could."

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